SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—31. Total expenditure from 1st July 1916 to end of March 1927 is Rs. 78,12,520.

(1) Information is not readily available.

(2) Rs. 12,04,955 from 1st June 1916 to the end of March 1927.

(3) Rs. 66,07,565 from 1st June 1916 to the end of March 1927.

(4) Number of candidates that obtained the degrees:—

B A.	..	1,175
B.Sc.	..	251
B.Com.	..	79
B.T.	..	22
B.E.	..	180
M.A.	..	102
Total	..	1,809

(5) Rs. 2,528.

BY MR. RUDRAPPA (Arsikere Taluk).—

Q.—32. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) How many vacancies occurred among Amildars in 1925-26, and 1926-27?

(2) How many of each community were appointed in those vacancies?

(3) What are the names of the persons thus appointed, their former appointments and qualifications?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—32. *Vide* answer to Question 20.

BY MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, DASAPPA and TUDAKI RAMANNA (Thirthahalli Taluk), NADIG BHASKAR RAO (Sorab Taluk), and B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk).—

Q.—33. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether the Irrigation Cess, the abolition of which was discussed in one of the sessions of the previous Representative Assembly and finally accepted by Government, has since been abolished?

(2) If not, when will the resolution be given effect to?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to abolish the cess at least on wet lands which depend only on rain water?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—33. (1) No.

(2) and (3) For the reasons explained in G.O. No. R. 7873-84—L.R. 506-26-1, dated 25th May 1927, the levy of this cess cannot be abolished.

BY MESSRS. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk), NADIG BHASKAR RAO (Sorab Taluk) and B. GOPALACHAR (Thirthahalli Taluk).—

Q.—34. Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cubic feet of timber felled by the Forest Department every year, for the past ten years, for collecting the same in Forest Depots? What is the expenditure involved in felling and carting the same to depots? What is the amount of license fee which could have been realised, as per rules, on timber collected for depots? How many cubic feet of timber collected for depots have been sold in auction every year? and what income was derived ? How many cubic feet of timber remain unsold every year out of what was collected and stored at depots?

GENERAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—34. Information has been called for.

BY MR. B. VENKATAGIRIAPPA (Sagar Taluk).—

Q.—35. Will the Government be pleased to state the number of vacancies that occurred in ministerial appointments? How many of such vacancies were filled up from backward and depressed class communities?

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—35. The information cannot be furnished as no period is mentioned.